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SUBJECT:LIBRARIAN EXCHANGE

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WARSAW FOR YALE RICHMOND

1. HEAD SOVIET LIBRARIAN DELEGATION SEROV AND SIKORSKIY
MET WITH DEPTOFFS IN OFFICE ACTING DIRECTOR CU/EE; VISITORS
WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SOVEMB CULTCOUNSELOR SAKOVITCH.

2. DEPTOFFS EXPLAINED DEPT HAD HEARD FROM EMBMOSCOW ABOUT
ITS PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH SEROV AND ASKED IF VISITORS
HAD CONCRETE IDEAS ABOUT FUTURE LIBRARIAN EXCHANGES OR IF
PROPOSALS FOR SUCH EXCHANGES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING IFLA
MEETING.

3. SEROV DECLARED SOVIETS INTERESTED ALL BASIC LIBRARY
PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY MECHANIZATION AND AUTOMATION. HE
EXPLAINED THAT SOVIETS ALREADY HAVE EXTENSIVE BOOK, SEMINAR,
AND DELEGATION EXCHANGE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SUGGESTED
THAT BOTH COUNTRIES EXCHANGE 5-7 MEMBER DELEGATIONS TO VISIT
FACILITIES IN EACH OTHERS' COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT DELEGATION
VISITS COULD BE IN CONTEXT OF TWO-SIDED SEMINARS, WHICH
WOULD INVOLVE VISITING DELEGATING MEETING SPECIALIZED

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AUDIENCES IN HOST COUNTRY AND DISCUSSING PERSPECTIVES IN
THE FIELD OR SOLVING OF COMMON PROBLEMS.

4. SOVDEL ALSO EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN LONGER-TERM PRACTICAL WORK STAYS BY PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTING LIBRARY SCHOOLS. SOVIETS INTERESTED IN TRAINING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS IN US AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SEMESTER IN PRACTICAL OBSERVATION US LIBRARY SCHOOL CURRICULA. WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO LECTURE TO STUDENTS.
5. DEPTOFFS ASKED WHETHER SOVIET SIDE PLANNED TO RAISE QUESTION LIBRARY EXCHANGE AT MOSCOW REVIEW TALKS. SOVEMB COUNSELOR SAKOVITCH NOTED THAT PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES BASICALLY FIXED THROUGH END 1976. ALTHOUGH HE SAID SOVIET SIDE HAD NOT PLANNED TO MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL ON LIBRARY EXCHANGE AT REVIEW TALKS, HE THOUGHT QUESTION MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AND PLANS WORKED OUT FOR CONCRETE EXCHANGES IN 1976. HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT SOVIET BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS WOULD PRECLUDE INITIATING EXCHANGES BEFORE THEN. DEPTOFFS MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS.
6. SOVDEL HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AT CONFERENCE, BUT THESE WERE CONDUCTED ON GENERAL LEVEL. NO CONCRETE EXCHANGE PROPOSALS HAVE RESULTED THUS FAR. INGERSOLL

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